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Talking Points for DCI, DDCI

IRAN

The Current Situation

The coalition of extremist fundamentalist religious leaders has consolidated its position and will maintain its control of Iran through the short to medium term.

- It clearly has defeated Iraq.
- It has crushed internal opposition.
- It will have fewer economic problems as the war grinds down.
- It retains the overwhelming support of the Iranian masses.

Political Factors

- The regime will be violently anti-American.
- The Soviets will make no major overt headway.
- The regular army will eventually be disbanded and a new revolutionary army will evolve. This army will be armed with Eastern Bloc weapons.
- The regime will try to "export" its Islamic Revolution by subversion and intimidation.
- Iran's rapid response to the "Muslim" defeat in Lebanon will improve its Islamic credentials.

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